

CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING: September 8, 2009, 6PM

TOPIC	DECISION MINUTES	DUE	RESPOND
WELCOME	Current and new members took the opportunity to introduce themselves and discuss history and professional affiliations.	N/A	ALL
MEMBERSHIP	<p>Jason distributed member contact and term list and information for review. He asked that members please retain the information for reference and also provide edits or corrections to him directly so that the list accurately reflects member information.</p> <p>Jason also distributed a list of meeting dates for the 2009/2010 years and reminded members that similar information will be posted on the CAC web site and on the primary on-line calendar for the city of Cambridge.</p> <p>Jose and Jason shared information on the slate of nominations that had been made following the last meeting from FY2009. The slate of nominees included:</p> <p>CHAIR - Charles Norris VICE-CHAIR - Aliyah Gary SECRETARY - No Nomination</p> <p>Jose asked Jason to describe the Secretary position profile and requested nominations from the group. Rosanna Alfaro was nominated to the position and accepted the nomination. Following discussion, Jose made a motion to approve the slate of officers for FY2010. Lori Damon seconded and the group voted unanimously to approve the officer slate.</p> <p>Jason let the group know that there would be an additional opening following Jose's term completion (September 2009) and requested that members let he or Charley know of possible candidates whose skills and experience would match the needs of CAC. The members agreed to be in touch with suggestions.</p>		JW & JM
DIRECTOR'S REPORT	<p>Jason shared the printed brochure on the agency with the members and explained that it served a joint purpose as 1) general agency information document, and 2) Cambridge River Festival program. Following CRF this year, the program portion was torn away as intended by the design and the remaining half is currently being used as an agency brochure. He reminded members that this piece and direction sprang from the discussions at both the Board and staff level with the Common Impact consultancy related to branding and communications.</p> <p>Jason also distributed the brand new copy of the city's 2008/2009 Annual Report pointing out the city facts in brief, the organizational chart and the section dedicated to the work of CAC in that time frame. He let members know that this has become an important document for sharing news about the agency broadly with residents, donors, media and those wanting to learn more about CAC.</p> <p>Jose reminded members of their dual role as Local Cultural Council members relative to the responsibilities of the CAC Grant Program. Jason provided additional details on this work and outline of the CAC Grant Program cycle. He also reminded members of the MCC training that is required of all LCC members statewide and encouraged members to pursue that in the coming weeks prior to the grant-making deadlines in December and January.</p> <p>Jason distributed the FY2010 Guidelines and application materials and reminded members that there will be two upcoming meetings, including a community meeting (9/15/09) and a grant-writing workshop (10/6/09). He indicated that he and Julie would be in touch with individuals to participate in these meetings where needed.</p> <p>In recognition of the grant program, Jason also distributed information about the upcoming RiverSing event (9/20) reminding members that this is a CAC-funded project over the two previous years. He encouraged all to attend and show support for the Revels, CAC and the Charles River Conservancy.</p> <p>Next, Jason talked about the CAC Gallery and the success thus far of the First Monday's @ CAC Gallery events. In particular, he discussed the upcoming exhibition, entitled, "Breaking Ground: The Past, Present & Future of the Maud Morgan Visual Art Center".</p> <p>Jason also talked about current public art commissions that were close to completion and indicated his intention to invite Lillian Hsu</p>		JW

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	and Jeremy Gaucher to the November meeting to discuss the program, projects and initiatives in more depth.	
COMMITTEES	Jose talked with the group about the origin and work to date by two committees: Individual Artist Support & CAC/Business Relationships and mentioned that some discussion and decisions would need to occur at the October meeting to reorient the group or focus the attention in new directions important to the work of CAC. He suggested that a majority of the October meeting could be used for that under the guidance of the new leadership. The group agreed that this was a good idea and also that they could use that time to address the meeting and committee schedule.	JM
OTHER BUSINESS	Jason spent some time talking about the CRLS construction project and fact that pieces of the student and teacher-driven artworks had recently been destroyed. He described the process and discussions - in which the Arts Council staff has a positive role - that are underway to ensure that artworks of this sort can be acknowledged and protected at CRLS and in other facilities within the district.	JW

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jose Mateo
Aliyah Gary
Lori Damon
Phyllis Bretholtz
Charles Norris
Rosanna Alfaro
Matt Weinberg
Lori Lander

ABSENT:

Jeffrey Walker
Andrew Mroczek
Barbara Baker

BEGIN: 6:15 PM

END: 7:50 PM

Jason Weeks, Ex. Director